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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 118
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel
Henry G. "Hank" Ward, U. S. Army, Retired.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. "Hank" Ward, U. S. Army, Retired; and

WHEREAS, Henry G. Ward was an exemplary citizen and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rutherford County, he attended Walter Hill High School and graduated from Murfreesboro Central High School in 1954; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, co-owner of Bass-Ward Ltd. Development Company, Mr. Ward entered the real estate business in 1969 as a broker and auctioneer; he had served astutely as a board member and as president of the Rutherford County Association of Realtors; and

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WHEREAS, Henry G. Ward valiantly served his country in the United States Army in Germany, and he was a helicopter pilot in the Tennessee National Guard, serving as company commander of the 1155th Transportation Company; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the Rutherford County Sportsman Club, Mount Moriah Lodge, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, MTSU Foundation, and Blue Raider Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Ward was an active and devout member of the Kingwood Heights Church of Christ; he taught and coached in the Murfreesboro city schools and coached football and basketball at Crichtlow and Bradley schools; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Ward was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Virginia Ragland Ward, and was the proud parent of Jarrod and Julie Ward; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving father-in-law to Jarrod's wife, Kim, and a devoted grandfather to his two grandchildren, Caroline and John Connor Ward; and

WHEREAS, he also leaves behind eight siblings, Claude Ward, Jimmy Ward, E.R. Ward, Roxie Bass, Carrye Thomas, Ella McCrary, Johnnie Bucy, and Nellie Helton; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by a brother, Tom Lytle Ward and his parents, John S. and Eula Barrett Ward; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. Ward leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all of his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional Tennessean and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. "Hank" Ward, U. S.

Army, Retired, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Henry G. "Hank" Ward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.